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TOWN OF MEREDITH.

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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Treasurer, School Committee,

— AND —

BOARD OF EDUCATION IN DISTRICT NO. 5,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF MEREDITH

— FOR THE —

Year ending March 1st, 1884.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

THE TOWN OF MEREDITH IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECT-
MEN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1884.

The Town of Meredith. Cr.

By balance reported March 1st, 1883,	\$3,671 26
By assessment of State Tax,	1,588 00
" of County Tax,	2,386 96
" for Town Charges,	2,000 00
" for Town Debts,	1,000 00
" for Pauper Roads,	100 00
" for School Money, by law,	1,389 50
" " by vote,	600 00
" for Wamesit Engine Co., by vote,	300 00
" for Decoration Day,	75 00
" for Watering Trough,	50 00
" for Library,	150 00
" Overlay by percentage,	470 09
" Dog Tax,	127 00
" Non-resident Highway,	160 15
" School House Tax, District No. 4,	51 75
" " " 5,	409 67
By amount of Insurance Tax,	18 75
" Railroad Tax,	571 88
" Savings Bank Tax,	2,522 42
" Literary Fund,	174 93

By received of Belknap County for Paupers,	\$77 50
“ State for Bounty on Crows,	20 40
“ for rent of Town Hall, above expenses,	66 23
“ of A. E. Leavitt, for Tasker stove,	5 00
By amount of Highway Taxes not worked on '82 tax,	111 03
By received on Note of Town cash and renewal,	600 00
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	\$18,697 52

The Town of Meredith, Dr.

PAID NOTES AND INTEREST.

Mary A. Mudgett,	\$40 00
G. G. Hoyt, Jr., renewed,	594 78
Estate of William L. Merrill,	1,140 30
Sophronia D. Sanborn,	656 70
Charles S. and Joseph S. Bickford,	299 96
Julia A. Davis,	217 12
Julian P. Lang,	620 64
Sarah M. Mudgett,	447 12
Tirzah S. Corliss,	601 91
Louisa Corliss,	621 59
Eunice W. True,	388 48
Mary A. Mudgett,	173 51
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	\$5,802 11

PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

George W. Paine, District No. 2,	\$102 53
Daniel L. Alexander, “ 3,	152 68
Henry W. Lincoln, “ 4,	179 02
Frank H. Cram, “ 5,	877 52
Simeon T. Wadleigh, “ 6,	112 45
John M. Robinson, “ 7, un. with Laconia,	42 72
Frank P. Corliss, “ 8,	164 89
George H. Smith, “ 9 and 10,	147 93
Thomas D. Veasey, “ 11,	63 34
Warren H. Kimball, “ 12,	89 71

Albert B. Piper,	District 13,	\$43 79
Frank Chase,	" 14, un. with New Hampton,	26 90
John C. Thompson,	" 15,	40 25
George W. Randlett,	" 16,	41 93
Jacob F. Perkins,	" 17,	46 17
George L. Sanborn,	" 20, un. with Sanbornton,	4 15
M. C. Clark, union with No. 5, Centre Harbor,		8 97
John H. Hill, L. W. Cram District,		7 85
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		\$2,152 80

PAID ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William H. Brown, breaking roads, Dis. No. 6, '82-'83,	\$13 80
H. W. Lincoln,	" " 4, " 5 00
M. S. Swain,	" " 32, " 12 81
Joseph H. Allen,	" " 35, " 27 15
Joseph O. Allen,	" " 37, " 32 39
David Brown,	" " 33, " 33 50
W. S. Smith,	" " 28, " 5 37
Ezra R. Chase,	" " 20, " 12 12
Fred. Marsh,	Cass Hill, 16 13
E. T. Blake,	Dis. No. 15, '82-83, 49 19
Isaac Webster,	" " 24, " 28 35
John S. Dolloff,	" " 22, " 11 27
David A. Piper,	" " 27, " 17 75
Jacob F. Perkins,	" " 34, " 36 22
L. W. Cram,	Cass Hill, " 32 88
Oliver S. Bickford,	Dis. No. 2, " 50 10
James M. Chase,	" " 22 1-2, " 12 87
Frank Chase,	" " 26, " 33 62
C. Elwin Swain,	" " 18, " 28 25
Daniel S. Ranlett,	" " 25, " 11 48
John Richardson, repairing roads,	" 17, " 27 25
Luther Boynton, breaking roads,	" 14, " 22 96
James M. Chase, repairing roads,	" 22 1-2, " 6 50
Daniel S. Corliss, breaking roads,	" 12, " 4 00
John H. Burden,	" " 36, " 16 94

Oren F. Swain, breaking roads, Dis. No. 30, '82-'83,	\$4 58
H. W. Lincoln, repairing washout, Cass Hill, "	33 96
Charles L. Kimball, breaking roads, Dis. No. 21, "	30 08
David Brown, cutting drift, " 28, "	2 12
H. W. Lincoln, repairing washout, Cass Hill, "	1 50
Hosea S. Swain, railing bridge and other repairs, "	7 30
W. H. Brown, plank, Dis. No. 6, "	1 50
John C. Thompson, labor and plank, " 35, "	4 82
Moses P. Moulton, breaking roads, " 10, "	10 80
G. H. Clark & Co., plank,	13 62
James M. Chase, repairing road, " 22 1-2, "	3 00
Samuel J. Hall, breaking road, " 7, "	8 07
W. S. Smith, repairing road, " 28, "	5 25
Warren B. Leavitt, breaking road, " 26, "	3 29
Benj. Perkins, breaking road, plank, " 29, "	10 96
Geo. H. Smith, repairing road, " 18, "	28 75
N. B. Wadleigh, plank, "	9 46
" bridge plank, "	31 46
C. S. Prescott, breaking road to Forbes place, winter '82,	9 80
J. F. Batchelder, breaking road, winter of '82-'83,	7 56
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	\$775 78

PAID PAUPER ROADS.

W. S. Smith, repairing and plank for Hermit road,	\$17 61
D. R. Caverly, repairing Turnpike road,	22 70
" breaking " '82-'83,	16 25
N. B. Plummer, repairing Pauper road "	4 50
D. R. Caverly, watering trough on Turnpike road,	2 00
Noah S. Sinclair, breaking road, '82-'83,	10 37
M. S. Swain, breaking Hermit road, "	20 57
Isaac Webster, breaking road, "	15 10
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	\$109 10

PAID PAUPER BILLS.

J. W. Beede, supplies, W. Blake,	\$18 22
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A. E. Leavitt, rent in full for Tasker family,	\$12 50
John S. Dolloff, support of Pierce children,	52 00
George Sanborn, med. aid Mrs. Sarah Farrar,	5 76
Green & Pease, support, " "	49 50
J. H. Knowles & Co., support " "	15 40
Hosea Q. Chase, board and nursing Mrs. John Libby and children, 1881,	7 00
Haven Palmer, books furnished Davis, Clark and Pickering children,	2 52
S. A. Ladd, rent for Wm. Pike family,	45 00
A. W. Abbott, med. aid for John Crosby,	14 00
Eliza J. Sanborn, board and nursing John Crosby,	20 00
F. H. Cram, school books for Blake children,	60
George Sanborn, med. aid Mrs. J. S. Morse,	6 75
" " Elbridge Ladd,	8 75
L. D. Dolloff, boarding Joseph Avery,	10 33
Mrs. H. M. Bickford, " " 1882,	15 11
C. A. Mack, " "	3 34
Charles Goodwin, aid " "	1 50
J. W. Beede, supplies, " "	8 21
J. I. Prescott, supplies and board, " "	11 00
Charles Ethridge, " "	6 50
Mrs. Lizzie Glines, " "	42 00
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	\$355 99

PAID GENERAL EXPENSES.

C. W. Neal, services as Auditor, 1883,	\$2 00
I. C. Boynton, " Town Clerk to Mar. 1, '84,	50 00
Oscar D. Brown, " Supervisor,	8 00
Daniel Alexander, " " "	6 00
George F. Sanborn, printing 600 town reports,	40 00
" publishing notice, printing tax bills and rolls of honor,	8 65
J. B. Sanborn, order and blank books,	14 32
J. F. Smith, sheep killed by dogs, summer of '82.	30 00
J. F. Perkins, " " '83,	6 00

George Sanborn, recording births and deaths,	\$6 25
Haven Palmer, " " "	5 00
Ed. Abbott, " " "	75
J. H. Knowles, board of Selectmen and Supervisors, from Mar. 1, '83, to Feb. 1, '84,	27 85
F. P. Carey, services as special police, 1882,	6 00
John Hodsdon, " " "	2 00
S. H. Chamberlain, " " "	2 00
D. F. Bean, " " "	10 00
C. H. Perkins, services as police to Mar. 1, '84,	25 00
J. I. Prescott, paid bounty on crows,	12 30
W. S. Smith, " " "	7 70
Oren N. Roberts, " " "	2 10
Hosea S. Swain, taking affidavit,	1 50
J. I. Prescott, services in liquor cases and paid witnesses,	16 88
P. D. Blaisdell, taking affidavits,	2 50
Joseph Abbott, " "	1 50
S. W. Rollins, services as Auditor, Mar. 1883,	2 00
" " advice and service to Mar. 1, 1883,	23 00
F. H. Cram, services Board of Education as School Committee,	15 00
G. K. James, for Decoration Day,	75 00
J. H. Plaisted, for watering trough, 1882-3,	6 00
" " services in liquor case,	5 00
A. S. Clough, watering trough, 1882-3,	2 00
B. R. Dearborn, " " 1883,	3 00
T. P. Perkins, " " "	3 00
Ebenezer Stevens, service in liquor case,	8 34
Wamesit Engine Company by vote,	300 00
" " " by law,	180 00
A. W. Canney, damage to wagon, 1882,	5 00
J. L. Glidden, damage to harness and sleigh, 1883,	4 00
E. H. Maloon & Co., repairing lobby,	1 50
M. R. Chase, damage to sleigh,	2 00
George A. Emerson, damage to sleigh and self, Feb- ruary, 1883,	20 00
Geo. F. Sanborn, services as Librarian to Nov. 7, '83,	100 00

Geo. F. Sanborn, rent for Library to Nov. 7, 1883,	\$50 00
“ services as Moderator, '82-'83,	6 00
F. L. Mason,, services as Sup't. School Committee,	40 00
John Webster, “ “ “	30 00
A. E. Leavitt, “ Selectman from Mar. 1 to Mar. 13, 1883,	13 00
W. S. Smith, services as Selectman from Mar. 1 to Mar. 13, 1883,	13 00
Ira C. Boynton, services as Selectman from Mar. 1 to Mar. 13, 1883,	11 16
R. S. Moses, services as police to Mar. 1, '84,	25 00
John S. Piper, services as special police to Mar. 1, '84,	6 00
G. S. Roberts, board of Selectmen to Mar. 1, '84,	8 25
John S. Dolloff, collecting taxes in full for year '82,	54 91
T. S. Moses, services as Treasurer to Mar. 1, '84,	64 00
W. S. Smith, “ Selectman from Mar. 13, '83, to Mar. 1, '84,	140 00
J. I. Prescott, services as Selectman from Mar. 13, '83, to Mar. 1, '84,	140 00
Oren N. Roberts, services as Selectman from Mar. 13, '83, to Mar. 1, '84,	130 00
Paid the State Tax,	1,588 00
“ County Tax,	2,386 96
John S. Dolloff, abatements Town list in '82,	72 50
“ Non-resident Highway receipts for '82,	9 15
“ “ “ “ '83,	102 28
Alvin Peavey, abatements Town list for '80,	18 78
“ “ School House Tax, '80,	2 92
“ “ Town list for '81,	48 97
“ “ Precinct list, '81,	2 51
“ “ Town list for '82,	125 74
“ “ School House Tax, Dis- trict No. 5, '82,	11 68
Eleazer Bickford, abatements Town list for '83,	39 90
“ “ School House Tax, Dis- trict No. 5, '83,	9 56
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	\$6,199 41

PAID SCHOOL HOUSE AND PRECINCT TAXES.

School House Tax, District No. 5, 1880,	\$4 54
“ “ 2, 1882,	36 92
“ “ 5, “	32 69
“ “ 15, “	15 75
“ “ 4, 1883,	40 00
“ “ 5, “	325 00
Precinct Tax, 1881,	28 06
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	\$482 96

RECAPITULATION.

By whole amount of receipts,	\$18,697 52
Paid Notes and Interest,	\$5,802 11
Several School Districts,	2,152 80
Roads and Bridges,	775 78
Pauper Roads,	109 10
Pauper Bills,	355 99
General Expenses,	6,199 41
School House and Precinct Tax,	482 96
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	\$15,878 15
Leaving a balance of	\$2,819 37

WHICH IS ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Due on Alvin Peavey's list, 1880,	\$14 09
“ “ 1881,	195 49
“ “ 1882,	693 73
“ “ School House, No. 5, '82,	38 78
“ John S. Dolloff's list, 1883,	889 87
“ Eleazer Bickford's “	687 65
“ “ Highway list,	80 03
“ “ School House, No. 4, '83,	11 75
“ “ “ 5, “	75 11
Cash in treasury to balance,	132 87
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	\$2,819 37
Not including the amount received by Treasurer, on billiard tables,	\$48 25

MEREDITH, March 5, 1884.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

CHARLES W. NEAL, }
S. W. ROLLINS, } Auditors.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH, }
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT, } Selectmen
OREN N. ROBERTS, } of
Meredith.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN HALL.

Received for rent,	\$262 00
Paid R. S. Moses, Janitor, for wood, oil, etc,	\$53 77
“ “ care hall 142 nights,	142 00
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Balance,	\$66 23
Average expense per night,	\$1 38

The town owns 69 shares old stock B. C. & M. R. R., which have not heretofore been reported, estimated to be worth about \$10. per share.

TRUST FUND. The Selectmen hold in trust \$1,000., with accrued interest; the income for benefit of schools in District 9 and 10.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH, }
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT, } Selectmen
OREN N. ROBERTS, } of
Meredith.

FINANCIAL CONDITION of the TOWN of MEREDITH.

Total amount of outstanding notes and interest re-	
ported by the Treasurer Mar. 1, 1883,	\$6,733 00
The same reported Mar. 1, 1884,	2,307 70
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Reduction the past year,	\$4,425 30

THE AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE TOWN ARE ESTIMATED AS
FOLLOWS :—

Amount due on Collector's books,	\$2,686 50
Cash in treasury, including amount received by the	
Treasurer on billiard tables,	181 10
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	\$2,867 60
Total indebtedness,	\$2,307 70
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Leaving a balance of assets above indebtedness,	\$559 90

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. SMITH,	} Selectmen of Meredith.
JOSEPH I. PRESCOTT,	
OREN N. ROBERTS,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. S. MOSES, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MEREDITH.

	DR.
Cash in treasury, March 1st, 1883,	\$727 67
received of Selectmen,	102 90
“ net earnings of Town Hall,	66 23
“ Town Clerk, license billiard	
table,	10 00
“ by renewal of note,	600 00
State Treasurer,	3,287 98
Alvin Peavey, Collector,	1,000 00
John S. Dolloff, “	3,037 51
Eleazer Bickford, “	6,300 00
	<u>\$15,132 29</u>

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Paid Notes,	\$5,802 11
State Tax,	1,588 00
County Tax,	2,386 96
Orders from Selectmen,	5,174 12
	<u>\$14,951 19</u>
Cash in treasury, March 1st, 1884,	181 10
	<u>\$15,132 29</u>

Due on notes, principal and interest, Mar. 1, 1884, \$2,307 70

MEREDITH, March 5, 1884.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

CHARLES W. NEAL, }
S. W. ROLLINS, } Auditors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

GEO. F. SANBORN, LIBRARIAN, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN
OF MEREDITH, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

Received by vote of town,	\$150 00
“ fines,	7 94
“ subscription,	5 00
“ from sale of catalogues,	3 20
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	\$166 14

PAID AS FOLLOWS :—

Geo. F. Sanborn, care of library, coal and lights,	\$100 00
Geo. Sanborn, for rent,	50 00
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	\$150 00
Total indebtedness Mar. 1, 1883,	\$25 04
Balance on hand Mar. 1, 1884,	16 14
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Leaving due the Librarian for cash advanced,	\$8 90

The patronage of the library has been constantly increasing the past year, and the appeal for new books grows more and more urgent. We trust our citizens may substantially manifest that interest in the library that such a valuable institution deserves.

Respectfully,

GEO. F. SANBORN, Librarian.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MEREDITH :—

The progress made in the schools under my supervision the past year is very gratifying. The general efficiency of the teachers employed in our schools in the past year, and the good deportment of the scholars, is worthy of commendation. The teachers employed in Districts No. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8, were all experienced teachers, and were retained for the entire school year. The practice of employing the same teachers for a number of terms in the same school, cannot be too strongly commended. The teacher who goes into a strange school has to become familiar with the names of her pupils, and learn the disposition of each before she can establish her authority as mistress. This is all avoided when the same teacher is employed for the entire school year. We enjoyed our visits to the schools above mentioned at the commencement of the second term very much more than the first, for the fact that we met the same teachers and pupils, and as we looked into their smiling faces and witnessed the very pleasant welcome of the old teacher, and the easy and quiet way in which they took their places in the school-room and resumed their studies, proved that the vacation had been but a pleasant recreation

from study. The schools in the districts above mentioned were a complete success; and it gives me pleasure to so report them.

The reasons why we have had superior schools the past year are these: first, the teachers employed were all experienced and efficient teachers, not only well qualified to teach, but they brought to the school-room energy and love for the work; second, the same teachers were employed through the entire school year, thus saving the time to the scholars for study that would have been spent in getting acquainted with the teacher, if he or she had been a stranger, and I do believe the fact has been duly demonstrated in the past year, that teachers of experience, and those who bring energy and love for the work, and are retained for the entire school year, will make that school worth doubly more than if a new teacher were employed for each term.

In conclusion, we congratulate the committees of the several districts in the happy and choice selection of teachers the past year, and wish that their official labors may be crowned with equal success in the future. I would also cheerfully recommend each and all the teachers employed in the schools under my supervision, as first class in every respect.

The whole number of scholars reported as attending the schools for the past year is 343, not attending any school, 18. All attending school have attended to reading and spelling, to penmanship 219, arithmetic 267, geography 162, grammar 142, history 26, composition 62, physiology 11, algebra 10, book-keeping 8.

DISTRICT No. 2. Miss Nellie M. Mead, teacher. Two terms of six and eleven weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils 19, average daily attendance 16.5. Wages per month \$23.00.

DISTRICT No. 3. Miss Hattie J. Hoyt, teacher. Two terms of nine and fourteen weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils 13, average attendance 11.5. Wages per month \$28.00.

DISTRICT No. 4. Miss M. Alice Smith, teacher. Three terms of nine, ten and five weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils 20 2-3, average attendance 20 1-3. Wages per month \$26.00.

DISTRICT No. 5. Refer to the Board of Education for a report of this District.

DISTRICT No. 6. Miss Carrie L. Hodsdon, teacher. First term ten weeks, second term seven. Whole number of pupils 19, average attendance 7.5. Wages per month \$20.00. Winter term still keeping, Miss Hattie J. Hoyt, teacher.

DISTRICT No. 7. Union with Laconia. Miss J. Annie Robinson, teacher. Three terms of nine, five and ten weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils from this town 4. Average wages per month \$25.33 1-3.

DISTRICT No. 8. First term eight weeks, Miss Lela G. Weeks, teacher. Second term five weeks, Miss Annie M. Weeks, teacher. Third term eleven and seven-tenths weeks, Miss Minnie A. Mead, teacher. Whole number of pupils 16 1-3, average attendance 15. Average wages per month \$26.33 1-3.

DISTRICT No. 9 AND 10. Miss Olive M. Bennett, teacher. Two terms of ten weeks each. Whole number of pupils 28, average attendance 17. Wages per month \$29.00.

DISTRICT No. 11. Miss Venie E. Welch, teacher. One term of 12.2 weeks. Whole number of pupils 9, average attendance 9. Wages per month \$20.00.

DISTRICT No. 12. Mrs. Narcissa D. Redding, teacher. Two terms of seven and eight weeks respectively. Whole number of pupils 14, average daily attendance 12.9. Wages per month \$21.60.

DISTRICT No. 13. Miss Alma A. Caverly, teacher. One term of ten weeks. Whole number of pupils 9, average attendance 9. Wages per month \$18 00.

DISTRICT No. 14. Miss Alma A. Caverly, teacher. Two terms of seven and six weeks respectively. Whole number of

pupils 11, average attendance 8. Wages per month \$18.00.

DISTRICT No. 15. Miss Ella Thompson, teacher. One term of 8.8 weeks. Whole number of pupils 11, average attendance 7. Wages per month \$18.00. Register imperfect.

DISTRICT No. 16. Miss Cora A. Plummer, teacher. One term of twelve weeks. Whole number of pupils 6, average attendance 5. Wages per month \$19.00.

DISTRICT No. 17. Mr. Elmer F. Perkins, teacher. One term of ten weeks. Whole number of pupils 7, average attendance 6. Wages per month \$18.00.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. MASON, Committee.

FELLOW CITIZENS OF MEREDITH :

Having attended to the several duties required by law, it now becomes my duty to report the success and condition of the several schools under my supervision ; which I shall try to state as briefly as possible. Much might be said, but I shall confine my report to only such points as relates to the welfare of our district schools. One thing I wish to call your attention to is the importance of a constant attendance of every scholar in the district where they reside. I notice the registers are altogether too much marked up with the signs of tardiness and non-attendance, which, I think, in a great measure, is the fault of parents. They do not seem to take that interest in our schools which so important a subject demands. Our schools are so small, and the terms are so short, that it becomes an important duty of parents to send their scholars every day they are able to attend, in order to secure the best results. Parents as well as scholars must take an interest in our schools.

Another thing I have noticed that the blackboards in several

of the school-rooms in this part of the town, are in a very bad condition. I would recommend that they be repaired before another term commences.

Prudential Committees, I think, have been very fortunate in securing good and efficient teachers in this part of the town; several having had a large experience in teaching in former years. All have labored zealously for the good of our schools, and in most cases their labors have been crowned with success.

District No. 9 and 10 had two terms of ten weeks each, both taught by Miss Olive M. Bennett, an experienced and successful teacher, and one who spared no pains to make everything plain and thoroughly understood by her scholars. They made good advancement.

District No. 11 had one term of 12.2 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Venie E. Welch, a teacher of considerable experience, who labored zealously for the good of her scholars. This school made a very fair advancement, with a commendable degree of thoroughness.

District No. 12 had a summer term of seven weeks and a fall term of eight weeks. Both terms were taught by Mrs. N. D. Redding, a teacher of large experience, and one of whose merits I cannot speak too highly. Mrs. R. gave perfect satisfaction.

District No. 13 had one fall term of ten weeks, under the instruction of Miss Alma A. Caverly. Her efforts were attended with success and gave general satisfaction.

District No. 14, union with New Hampton, had two terms, the first of seven weeks and the other of six weeks, both taught by Miss Alma A. Caverly. This was her first efforts in teaching, and in the first term were crowned with success, but the second term was not so satisfactory owing to causes for which the teacher was not responsible.

District No. 15 had one fall term of 8.8 weeks, under the instruction of Miss Ella Thompson, a teacher of energy and

experience, who well sustained her former reputation as a successful teacher. The advancement was very satisfactory.

District No. 16 had one fall term of twelve weeks, under the instruction of Miss Cora A. Plummer. This was her first experience in teaching, but she acquitted herself with honor, giving general satisfaction.

District No. 17 had one term of ten weeks, taught by Elmer F. Perkins. This was his first school. He succeeded in securing the good will of the scholars, and the examination showed a very good advancement and commendable thoroughness. This school district and No. 16, I think, should be united and thereby double the schooling in both districts: one having an average attendance of 5 and the other 6 scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WEBSTER, Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT of the school under our supervision has been in charge of Miss Mary E. Cram, whose methods of instruction we consider peculiarly adapted to schools of this grade. She has succeeded to the entire satisfaction of committee and parents. Length of school year, 27 weeks; whole number pupils, 57; average attendance, 40; not absent during the year, 5.

THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT has been in care of Mrs. Cora Cram, who has fully sustained her previous reputation as a successful, earnest and faithful teacher. Progress good. Length of school, 27 weeks; whole number of scholars, 61; average, 47; number not absent, 3.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL has been in charge of Miss Hattie B. Rand of Cornish, Me. Evidently Miss Rand is one of the few who have found their true vocation. We consider the school fortunate that secures her services. Length of school, 27 weeks; whole attendance, 28; average, 26; not absent for the year, 9.

THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT was placed in charge of Mr. J. R. B. Kelley of Weare, who resigned at the end of the fall term. He was succeeded by Mr. Geo. Jenkins of Franklin Falls. Mr. Jenkins has a happy faculty of maintaining order in the school-room and interesting his pupils in their studies. Number in attendance from the district, 19. There are 22 attending the spring term outside the district. School not closed.

There is a great falling off in the numbers after leaving the Intermediate department, which is greatly to be regretted, as it deprives the scholar of the best part of his education. It has been the aim of the committee to raise the grade of the school to such a standard that those who have availed themselves of the advantages which it affords, may be prepared to enter most of the departments of business life, with good prospects of success.

The sooner parents learn that educating a child means money and position in the future, the better it will be. The amount of knowledge sufficient to place our fathers in positions of honor and influence will not be sufficient for the coming generation.

In these days of free schools ignorance is inexcusable.

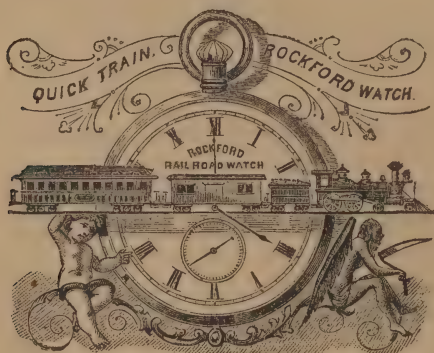
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
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